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## Minutes, Apr.13

### VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2010 MEETING

Corrected, approved 5/11/2010

**In attendance:** Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Pete Howard, Gordon Jamieson, Elizabeth Karpati, Charlotte Milan.

- The **minutes** of the March meeting were accepted with one spelling correction: Diane Mahon.
- **Census survey:** 4657 replies received including those on-line, 215 since the March 15 deadline; a 25% return rate. Preliminary report presented to the Selectmen's meeting last night by Josh Lobel. Report will be put on the Town website and distributed to Town Meeting members. Some 280 people signed up for task groups; Sustainable Arlington got the largest number and is contacting these people jointly with the Recycling Committee.
- **Task Group reports:**
- **Diversity (Mary):** The Career Fair was attended by about 300 people, which is more than last year. There were 22 employers: 20 of the 25 expected, and 2 surprises. Diversity now has a Facebook page. Two anti-Semitic incidents at the Ottoson and Hardy schools were well handled by school staff.
- **Environment – Sustainable Arlington (Charlotte):** SA is promoting the Green Communities Act and supporting two related warrant articles, to adopt the "Stretch Code" (stricter building code) and to allow ground-mounted solar installations in areas zoned industrial. It is cooperating with the Recycling Committee and the Chamber of Commerce to develop arrangements for composting large amounts of organic refuse (e.g. from restaurants and grocery stores). SA is also working on establishing a governance structure. It has a website instead of a Facebook page like Diversity.
- **Environment – Spy Pond (Elizabeth):** Phase I of the phragmites project is complete: reeds growing in water were sprayed last fall and knocked down by volunteers and carted away by DPW in winter. Arrangements for Phase II – reeds growing on land – are under way for fall 2010. The annual "Trails Day" to clean up trash and invasives along the Rt. 2 path is planned for May 9. Joey noted that DPW has replaced the two damaged top boards in the outflow structure, but water is still flowing, so there must be some damage lower down.
- **Fiscal Resources:** Gordon presented the draft report analyzing the FY 2006-2010 five-year plan's projections vs. actual revenues and expenditures. It showed that the Town and its schools generally adhered to the plan, which could be a selling point for a new override.
- **Other matters;**
- **Year-end event:** Suggested venues: Cooke's Hollow; Busa Farm; Spy Pond "Trail." Tentative date: June 15.
- The **new Deputy Town Manager** is Adam Chapdelaine. He will be welcomed at a reception in the Selectmen's Hearing Room on April 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The next budget has no CDBG money for Vision 2020. We have about \$8000 left from previous appropriations.